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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8, line 1, delete "claims 6 or 7" and insert

--claim 6--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "claims 6 or 7" and insert

--claim 6--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "claims 6 or 7" and insert

--claim 6--.

Please add the following new claims:

18. (new) The method according to claim 7, wherein the metal oxide contains Ce oxide or Zr oxide.

19. (new) The method according to claim 7, wherein the impregnating step first impregnates the metal oxide with a Zn-containing solution and then impregnates the metal oxide with a Pd-containing solution.

20. (new) The method according to claim 7, wherein a burning temperature used in the burning step is 400 to 600° C.


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to Claims 8-10 and new claims 18-20 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.


Respectfully submitted,

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